GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF LOCAL TAXES IN MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include local taxes in the maximum retail price of the drugs in order to curb arbitrariness of drug sellers; and

(b) if soT the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIOUE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Based on the recommendations of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Pharmaceuticals) and the Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Advisor, Planning Commission as well as feedback received from other stakeholders the Government have formulated a Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2006 (Part-A-excLuding pricing) which has been circulated to various departments/stakeholders seeking their comments (including inclusion of iocai taxes in maximum retail . price of drugs). Based on the comments received the Government is likely to finalize the new Policy shortly.